

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 14, 16 through 19, and 21 through 96 are pending, with Claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 24, 35, 36, 42, 48, 49, 60, 71, 72, 84, and 96 being independent. Claims 1 through 11 and 23 through 96 have been withdrawn from consideration. The only independent claims not withdrawn from consideration are Claims 12, 17, and 22. Claims 12, 17, and 22 have been amended.

Claims 12 through 14, 16 through 19, 21, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,567,427 B1 (Suzuki, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/000962 A1 (Rajan) and newly-cited U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0052856 A1 (Deniau, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 12, 17, and 22 variously recite, inter alia, generating character data instructed by a command, which is included in the received system data, using internal character data, wherein the command instructs the generation of the character data and a layout of a character represented by the generated character data, in combination with setting a layout of images represented by a plurality of image data, which are decoded by the first and second decoders (Claim 12) or in the decoding steps (Claims 17 and 22), and the character represented by the generated character data, in accordance with the coding formats of the received image and/or sound data, and the command.

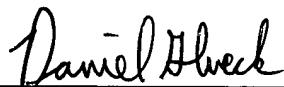
However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Suzuki, et al., Rajan, and Deniau, et al., even in the proposed combinations, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 12, 17, and 22. The Official Action states that Suzuki, et al. and Rajan lack such features, and therefore relies upon Deniau, et al., and in particular upon paragraph [0042] thereof. Applicants respectfully note that said paragraph discloses, e.g., a character generator, but Applicants respectfully submit that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Deniau, et al. provides either a description or suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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